

**REMARKS**

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Group A – Drawn to the species illustrated in figures 1-4;
- Group B – Drawn to the species illustrated in figures 5-8;
- Group C – Drawn to the species illustrated in figures 9-12;
- Group D – Drawn to the species illustrated in figure 13;
- Group E – Drawn to the species illustrated in figure 14;
- Group F – Drawn to the species illustrated in figures 15 and 16;
- Group G – Drawn to the species illustrated in figures 17 and 18;
- Group H – Drawn to the species illustrated in figures 19-22;
- Group I – Drawn to the species illustrated in figures 23-28.

Applicants elect to pursue Claims 1-8, 11-16, 30-38, 41, 42, 43, 44, and 46-52, which correspond to above Group C. Applicants further submit that dependent Claims 9 and 10 (see Fig. 13), and Claims 17-29 (see Fig. 14) should fall within the election since these Claims generally track with the Claims of Group C. Applicants respectfully submit that the examination of Claims 9, 10 and 17-29 would not unduly burden the Examiner. Consequently, the elected group should include Claims 1-38, 41, 42, 43, 44, and 46-52.

Applicants make this election without prejudice to their rights to later pursue any additional claims, whether or not previously presented.

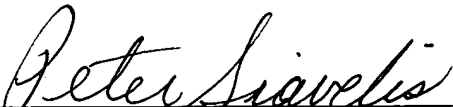
**CONCLUSION**

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions concerning this Reply or if it will expedite the progress of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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